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Raised Bill No. 476

LCO No. 1728

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

An Act Concerning A Driving Course For Persons Convicted Of Multiple Moving Violations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) For the purposes of this section, "moving violation"
2 means any violation of section 14-218a, 14-219, 14-222, 14-222a, 14-223,
3 14-224, subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-227a, sections 14-230 to 14-
4 249, inclusive, 14-279, 14-289b, 14-299, 14-301, 14-302, 14-303, 53a-56b,
5 53a-57 or 53a-60d of the general statutes.

6 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require any licensed
7 motor vehicle operator who has been convicted of a moving violation
8 on two or more separate occasions in a one-year period to attend a
9 course of instruction approved by the commissioner for the purpose of
10 controlling aggressive driving. Such course shall consist of not less
11 than six hours of instruction in addition to a session of two hours
12 conducted four to six months after the completion of the six-hour
13 portion of the course. The course may be offered by the Department of
14 Motor Vehicles or by any other person or organization approved by
15 the commissioner. The commissioner shall require such attendance in
16 the case of any motor vehicle operator convicted of a violation of

17 section 14-222 or 14-223 of the general statutes, or upon the order of a
18 judge of the superior court. The commissioner shall notify such
19 operator, in writing, of such requirement. A fee of seventy-five dollars
20 shall be charged for the course. The commissioner, after notice and
21 opportunity for a hearing, may suspend the motor vehicle operator's
22 license of any such operator who fails to attend or successfully
23 complete the course until the operator successfully completes the
24 course. Successful completion shall be determined by the person
25 offering the course on the basis of objective criteria. Such criteria shall
26 include, at a minimum, participation in all course and follow-up
27 activities and a score of eighty per cent or better on an objective
28 examination given at the end of the course. The hearing shall be
29 limited to any claim of impossibility of the operator to attend the
30 course, or to a determination of mistake or misidentification.

Statement of Purpose:

To permit the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to require a driver with multiple moving violations to attend a course to control aggressive driving.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]